

THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and Marriages, \$1.50; for Deaths, \$1.00, with funeral notice \$1.50.

JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST'S PRINTING COMPANY has received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful printing type, will execute orders to any extent with neatness and dispatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

By the European telegrams, which we lay before our readers this morning, it would appear that war between Austria and Prussia has at length been announced—that the diplomatic fencing has at last culminated in the armed duel. The panic which has taken place in the English commercial world, and which has broken the largest of discounting houses is due, according to the telegram, to the declaration of war between the two great German powers. With all the belligerent rumors that have been afloat for some time past, we confess we were not prepared for so sudden an announcement of hostilities, and with the history of those powers before our eyes, with the characteristic love of writing and talking rather than acting, we find it difficult to believe that a declaration of war has really been made. The fact, however, of the grave monetary crisis in London and the general alarm in Government as well as commercial circles, shows that something more than an ordinary impingement has taken place on the continent. It is not merely the house of Overend, Gurney & Co. that has failed—other banking establishments have suspended payments, and wealthy mercantile houses have been obliged to close. Even the Bank of England, the solidity of which has almost become a proverb, was so shaken, on account of the run that was made upon it, that the very extraordinary course of suspending the Bank Act had to be resorted to by the Government, and an additional issue of £5,000,000 authorized. Simultaneously with this operation the rate of discount rose to the enormous figure of ten per cent. Bad as all this is, we have only heard the commencement. We are quite prepared to learn from subsequent despatches that the panic has spread over the United Kingdom, and that suspension and failures have become the order of the day. Already the premonitory symptoms of the disease are beginning to make their appearance in New York, and everything points to a general crash over the American as well as European continent. All this is a gloomy picture; but it is most likely to be a faithful one. We alluded a few days ago to the unerring barometer of the money market, and the probability that a serious crisis was at hand; the events, however, if the news of the announcement of war be true, have come upon us, as we have already said, more suddenly than we expected, and indicate the commencement of a conflagration that is not likely to confine itself to Austria and Prussia; for above all the situations of Europe the torch of war could nowhere be lighted with greater danger than in the centre of federal Germany. Italy cannot keep out of the blaze, and France, with all Napoleon's protestations, is morally certain to be mixed up in the struggle. If with all the various changes, and probably new partitions of Central Europe which such a war would give rise to, England can on the one hand and Russia on the other hold aloof, there is more in "dignified neutrality" than we are disposed to believe. We are afraid, however, there will be no neutrality—that indeed there can be none. It is not now whether a small kingdom at one end of Europe like Denmark is to be cut up and divided; but whether the grand "balance of power" is to be upset and the centre of gravity hopelessly lost—whether in fact the great bulwark against the ambition of both France and Russia is to be swept away. War, however, will not stop on the European continent. So soon as France shows a disposition to mix in the quarrel, the United States, with the two great supporters of Maximilian engaged in war, will make short work of the Mexican Empire. We shall have all the labors of Louis Napoleon and Maximilian thrown overboard and a new Government, not under European domination, given to the Mexican people. Everything however depends on the correctness of the telegram about the announcement of war—it may be true, or it may be premature. In any case we look forward with anxiety to the next European news.

Wanted.

WANTED, A YOUNG GIRL TO DO light house work and to wait at table. Enquire of Mrs. Zincke on Yates street, between Government and Broad streets. m20

In Remembrance

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. THE PARK HOTEL WILL BE ILLUMINATED THIS (Saturday) EVENING AND SUNDAY EVENING, the same as on the 24th, when Mr. Lush respectfully invites his numerous friends and the public to take a pleasant promenade to the Hill. m25

WANTED.

A YOUNG LADY AS PIANIST, TO Enquire of Mrs. Zincke on Yates street. m25

TENDERS WANTED FOR FENCING

THE LOTS AT THE LADIES' COLLEGE, Burdett Avenue. Plans may be seen at WRIGHT & SANDERS, m24

Sporbrog & Rueff,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers

—IN—

Groceries, Provisions,

Boots and Shoes.

WHARF STREET, VICTORIA, V.I.

m24 12 & 11

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION.

ON WEDNESDAY,

MAY 30th,

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL SELL

On Wednesday, May 30,

THAT PIECE OF

LAND

Lying between the residences of Eli Harrison and J. D. Walker, Esquire,

On Moss Street,

NEAR CORNER OF FORT,

Measuring forty (40) feet front, and one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet deep, will be sold for

Cash—Without Reserve.

JAMES SHERIDAN,

Pianoforte Tuner & Repairer.

ORDERS FOR TUNING AND REPAIRING received at W. Wait & Co's Book and Music Store, Government street, opposite the Bank of British Columbia. m24

FARMS AND MILLS

TO LET,

VIZ.:

THE WELL KNOWN FARM OF CRAIGFLOWER, in the vicinity of Victoria, with Steam Flour Mill, Oatmeal and Threshing Mills, Oatmeal Kilm, Bakery, Oven and Machine complete, an excellent Dwelling House (to be let separately if desired), Servants' Block, Barn, Stables, Smiddy, Cartwright's Shop, etc., etc.

The property is beautifully situated on the Victoria Army, and near Esquimalt harbor.

—ALSO—

The Farm of COLWOOD, distant from Victoria about 6 miles by land, and considerably less by water. This Farm extends backwards from Esquimalt Harbor, on which it has a frontage and landing pier. It has a suitable Dwelling House (most pleasantly situated, overlooking the Straits of Fuca), Servants' Houses, Barn, Stables, etc.

Both Farms have excellent roads passing through them, and large portions of both have been fenced and cultivated for several years.

For particulars, apply at the Hudson's Bay Company's Office, Victoria, to

DE. TOLMIE, MR. MURDO.

Or m24

Gentile's

Photographic Gallery

REMOVED TO GOVERNMENT ST.,

Next door to the Attorney General's and opposite the Hotel de France.

THE GALLERY IS CONSTRUCTED on the latest Italian system.

A fine collection of Views of British Columbia and Puget Sound. m18

Oh Dear! Oh Dear!

MRS. BROWN HAS THE SWEEP!

But all I've got to say is that I do wish as much as you would consume the sweep of your own hands, for they are so dirty, and so full of dirt, that they are a disgrace to the house. I have been sweeping the chimney, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the hearth, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the floor, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the walls, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the ceiling, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the furniture, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the carpets, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the curtains, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. I have been sweeping the doors, and the place was so dirty, that I had to burn it. 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